

## MISSOURI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## JEFFERSON CITY

July 17, 2009

Mr. Kevin Keith, P.E. Chief Engineer Missouri Department of Transportation P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Mr. Keith:

On behalf of the members of the St. Charles County Legislative Delegation, we would like to thank you, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, and your many colleagues, for their hard work on behalf of advancing Phase II/Missouri Route 364 toward and into construction phases, with a goal of this segment being completed and operational late 2012.

Thank you also for the focus that is now being placed on the need to ready Phase III/Missouri Route 364 as initiatives continue to identify the necessary resources to clear right-of-way, utilities, and to construct and complete this important Interstate to Interstate surface transportation project. As you are well aware, St. Charles County has offered yet another funding partnership, so as to assist the Department with the submittal of a competitive application for Federal TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) funds. Missouri Route 364, in addition to providing regional benefits to the taxpaying traveling public in the greater St. Louis area, will provide relief to I-70, a transcontinental highway. The project is included on the National Highway System.

As you know from telephone contact made with you by some delegation members, we are aware of other Missouri projects presently being considered for funding. We would like for Phase III/Missouri Route 364 to be included as an applicant for a \$100 million TIGER Grant. The opportunity to complete this project for approximately \$140 million in today's dollars, rather than at a far greater sum included in the MoDOT and EWGCOG long range plans, and for the Department to complete what it has started, may not present itself in the near future.

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of advancing major surface transportation project initiatives state-wide and in the St. Louis region. We will look forward to your

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written reply acknowledging our support on behalf of the initiative to fund and to construct Phase III/Missouri Route 364.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Grace Nichols, Commissioner

Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission

The Honorable Steve Ehlmann

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